1. I have the pleasure of working with and doing research with a Canadian who has become one of my closest friends. However, he and I regularly disagree about English usage. One example is that he prefers using *firstly*, *secondly*, and so forth, while I opt for the shorter forms of *first* and *second*. Your task: go to one of our corpus sites and find the frequency of the respective terms. Next, check two collocates of each term.

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| Site: | | Corpus: | |
|  | Tokens | Collocate | Collocate |
| first |  |  |  |
| firstly |  |  |  |
| second |  |  |  |
| secondly |  |  |  |
| third |  |  |  |
| thirdly |  |  |  |

Which form is more common for the respective pairs?

2. Collocation is of considerable importance, good people; simply parse collocation and you’ll quickly understand the meaning. Your task is to investigate collocates of the following (ignore functional collocates such as *a* and *the*).

First, what adjectives typically precede *disaster*?

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| **disaster** | | Corpus: |
| Collocate L1 | Tokens | Context (one example) |
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What does this list tell you?

Next, what nouns typically follow *Christmas*? (e.g., Christmas present)

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| **Christmas** | | Corpus: |
| Collate L1 | Tokens | Context (one example) |
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A common lexeme that can be problematic is 認める, for which the many possible lexemes include accept, acknowledge, and admit. First, in a dictionary check the possibilities. Next, check the frequency of each lexeme, and then find three examples of usage.

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| 認める | | Corpus: |
| English lexeme | Frequency |  |
| accept |  |  |
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| 2. | | |
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| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
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| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
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| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

Finally, offer a short synopsis of the usage of each lexeme.

*Accept appears to be used …*